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Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP) Environment and Natural Resources Committee Minutes Thursday, October 5, 2017

Offices of the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP)
Lake County Conference Room
Suite 800, 233 S. Wacker Drive, Chicago, Illinois

Members Present: Lynn Boerman (via phone) – IDNR, Ed Collins – McHenry County Conservation District, Keary Cragan – U.S. EPA, Jack Darin – Illinois Sierra Club, Martha Dooley (via phone) – Village of Schaumburg Jackie Forbes – Kane County Division of Transportation, Danielle Gallet – Metropolitan Planning Council, Mike Prusila – Lake County Stormwater Management Commission, Joe Schuessler – MWRD, Mike Sullivan – IDOT, Stacy Meyers – Openlands, Moira Zellner – University of Illinois-Chicago

Members Absent: David Leopold – UI Labs, Deb Stone – Cook County Department of Environmental Control, Sean Wiedel – Chicago Department of Transportation, Kim Wasserman-Nieto – Little Village Environmental Justice Organization

Staff Present: Nora Beck, Jonathan Burch, Kate Evasic, Tom Murtha, Jared Patton, Aseal Tineh

Others Present: Mary Nicol

1.0 Call to Order

Jack Darin called the meeting to order at approximately 9:30 a.m.

2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements

- **Local Technical Assistance Project Selection:** CMAP staff have recommended a slate of projects, as summarized in [this memo](#). The CMAP Board and MPO Policy Committee will vote on the projects on October 11.
- **Water Resources Strategy Paper:** Final version has now been released [here](#), thank you for your contributions to the effort.

3.0 Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes of the September 7 meeting was made by Jackie Forbes, seconded by Mike Sullivan. The motion carried with all in favor.

4.0 ON TO 2050: Stormwater and Flooding Draft Strategy Paper – Nora Beck, CMAP staff
CMAP is exploring new approaches to stormwater management as it relates to flooding as part of the development of the next plan. CMAP staff have developed a [draft strategy paper](#) for committee review. Using a [presentation](#), Nora briefly described the outline of the paper and asked for committee feedback by **October 12**. CMAP staff and committee members also discussed the MWRD study session on the proposed changes to the watershed management ordinance.

5.0 ON TO 2050: Plan Land Use Indicator Refinement – Nora Beck, CMAP staff
The ON TO 2050 indicators provide performance measures to benchmark our progress on plan implementation. Using a [presentation](#), Nora presented a refined set of land use indicators, as summarized in [this memo](#). The committee asked a few questions clarifying the methodology of the new development indicator. CMAP requests feedback on the memo by **October 19**. At the November meeting, CMAP staff will present the environment-focused indicators for review by the committee.

6.0 Expressway Vision – Tom Murtha, CMAP staff
Staff provided an update regarding the project to develop a multi-jurisdictional vision to guide future capital investments, coordinate transportation operations, and recommend policy and management strategies for the existing expressway system in northeastern Illinois. Transit, freight, community impacts, and revenue will all be key aspects of the vision. Using a [presentation](#), Tom provided an overview of the project purpose, how that relates to the ON TO 2050 planning process, as well as the goals, corridor improvements and policy framework currently being considered as part of the vision. Committee members asked a number of clarifying questions and discussed the following points:

- Project Goal: Manage Environmental Impacts:
 - Work to reduce fragmentation that the existing expressway vision has created over time and improve wildlife crossings or incorporate habitat connectivity in other, human permeability projects to ensure multi-purpose crossings.
 - Develop management plan for areas within the expressway right-of-way for habitat.
 - Support for addressing changing climate, particularly via improved stormwater management.
 - Road salting and surface and groundwater chloride contamination. Support for addressing this in an operational manner, of following best management practices.
 - Light impacts, use night sky policies to reduce light pollution from the system.
 - Construction materials: reduce water pollution through pavement selection and use highly reflective pavement to reduce heat absorption.
 - Energy production, in addition to solar potential, could wind energy also be generated and used in nearby charging stations?
- Policy Framework: Environment:
 - Revenues from the managed lanes and variable pricing could go into a regional conservation fund in order to address the larger scale environmental impacts of the expressway system, in addition to paying for the management of new environmental components of the expressway itself.
 - Support for incentives toward electric vehicles, particularly trucks.

- Carbon offsets. The green infrastructure and habitat improvements could provide a carbon offset for the amount of GHG emissions the system produces.

7.0 Other Business.

- The MWRD WMO study session is scheduled for this afternoon, October 2.

8.0 Public Comment

There was no public comment.

9.0 Next Meeting

The ENR Committee is scheduled to next meet on Thursday, November 2, 2017.

10.0 Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Nora Beck (ENR Committee Liaison)
October 5, 2017